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24. (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;

receiving a respective wager through one of the one or more gaming machines in the gaming system;

displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result;

increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager; and

1 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager,
2 wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first
3 progressive jackpot.

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7 26. (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more
8 gaming machines, the gaming method comprising:

9 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more
10 gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager
11 placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being
12 funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;
13 receiving a respective wager through one of the one or more gaming machines in the
14 gaming system;

15 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
16 symbols representing a gaming result;

17 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
18 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

19 paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the gaming
20 result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second
21 wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

1 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
2 winning progressive jackpot result.

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8 29. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
9 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
10 system;
11 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
12 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
13 symbols representing a gaming result;
14 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
15 result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;
16 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
17 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being
18 larger than the first wager amount; and
19 the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

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21 30. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

1 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
2 system, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed
3 through the gaming system and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second
4 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming system;
5 receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;
6 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
7 symbols representing a gaming result;
8 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
9 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;
10 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
11 jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
12 amount being larger than the first wager amount;
13 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
14 winning progressive jackpot result;
15 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;
16 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
17 machines; and
18 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
19 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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21 31. (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more
22 gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines; receiving a respective wager in the gaming system; displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result; paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount; paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and wherein the respective wager activates a single payline through the combination of symbols.

32. (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager

placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines; receiving a respective wager in the gaming system; displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result; paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount; paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and wherein the wager activates a plurality of paylines through the combination of symbols.

33. (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines; receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

1 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
2 symbols representing a gaming result;

3 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
4 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

5 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
6 jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
7 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

8 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
9 winning progressive jackpot result; and

10 wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a
11 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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13 34. (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more
14 gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

15 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more
16 gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager
17 placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being
18 funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;
19 receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

20 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
21 symbols representing a gaming result;

1 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
2 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

3 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
4 jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
5 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

6 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
7 winning progressive jackpot result; and

8 wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a
9 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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13 71. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

14 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

15 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
16 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
17 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
18 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

19 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
20 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 first wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is
5 the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at
6 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

7 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
8 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

9 wherein in response to the detector receiving the respective wager, the gaming system
10 increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase
11 in the second progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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15 73. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

16 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
17 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
18 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
19 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
20 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

21 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
22 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 first wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
5 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

6 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive
7 jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager
8 is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager
9 amount.

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11 74. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

12 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

13 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
14 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
15 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
16 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

17 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
18 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

19 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
20 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
21 first wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
5 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result;

6 wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined
7 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot
8 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

9 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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11 75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset
12 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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16 77. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:
17 a plurality of linked gaming machines, each linked gaming machine comprising a
18 respective wager detector;
19 a first progressive jackpot associated with the plurality of linked gaming machines and a
20 second progressive jackpot associated with the plurality of linked gaming machines, the first
21 progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the gaming

1 system and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager
2 placed through the gaming system;

3 wherein a respective one of the gaming machines displays a number of rotating elements
4 which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

5 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
6 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector of the
7 respective one of the gaming machines is at least a first wager amount;

8 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the
9 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector of the
10 respective one of the gaming machines is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
11 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

12 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
13 machines; and

14 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a
15 respective wager received by any respective one of the linked gaming machines.
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17 78. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

18 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

19 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
20 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
21 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
22 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

1 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
2 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

3 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
4 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
5 first wager amount;

6 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the
7 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
8 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

9 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
10 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

11 wherein the respective wager activates a single payline for the gaming machine.
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13 79. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

14 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

15 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
16 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
17 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
18 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

19 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
20 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 first wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the
5 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
6 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

7 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
8 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

9 wherein the respective wager activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

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11 80. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

12 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

13 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
14 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
15 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
16 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

17 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
18 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

19 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
20 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
21 first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

81. (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
2 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

3 wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a
4 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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6 82. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

7 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

8 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
9 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
10 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
11 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

12 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
13 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

14 wherein if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result, the gaming system
15 pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot ~~if the~~
16 ~~gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result~~; and

17 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
18 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result.

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20 83. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector
21 receiving a wager, the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the

second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

86. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming machines; and

1 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
2 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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4 89. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector
5 activates a single payline for the gaming machine.

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7 90. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector
8 activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

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10 91. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated
11 by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount,
12 the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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14 92. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated
15 by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount,
16 the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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18 93. (Currently Amended) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more
19 gaming machines, the method comprising the steps of:

20 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for, the one or
21 more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each
22 wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot

1 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming
2 machines;

3 receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;
4 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
5 symbols representing a gaming result;

6 if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result, paying the largest of either
7 the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot ~~if the gaming result is a winning~~
8 ~~progressive jackpot result~~; and

9 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
10 winning progressive jackpot result.

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12 94. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 further comprising the steps of:
13 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager; and
14 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager,
15 wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first
16 progressive jackpot.

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20 96. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, further comprising resetting the
21 first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive
22 jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount

1 after paying the second progressive jackpot; wherein the first and the second predetermined reset
2 amounts are larger than zero.
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4 97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the second predetermined reset
5 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.
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7 98. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the gaming system
8 comprises a single gaming machine.
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10 99. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 wherein the gaming system
11 comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

12 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
13 machines; and

14 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
15 received by any unique linked gaming machine.
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17 100. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the respective wager
18 activates a single payline for a gaming machine.
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20 101. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the respective wager
21 activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.
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1 102. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines
2 activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager
3 amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.
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5 103. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines
6 activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager
7 amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.